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The princess, of course, did not fire the shot, but it was heard around the world.

Radium is at last within reach of the masses. The price has fallen to \$2,000 per grain.

Columbia's trouble about getting an army to the isthmus is a great argument in favor of good roads.

The Virginia senator who spent just ten cents in his successful campaign must have been a great success.

A lake of whitewash has been discovered in Jolo. There are some men out there who ought to bathe in it at once.

A Washington bard makes isthmus rhyme with strabismus. Yet some critics claim we have no more strong poets.

Perhaps if Herbert Spencer had been happily married he wouldn't have died of senile decay at the age of 83.

Where did that German army officer who is charged with 1,000 separate cases of cruelty get time for his meals?

A Toledo woman has been sent to the insane asylum because she read Emerson—which was evidence enough in Toledo.

Of more than 2,000 prisoners received at the Ohio state prison last year not one could repeat the ten commandments.

By fifteen minutes' active use of a snow shovel a man can pile up a beautiful reputation for public spirit among his neighbors.

Dr. Sargent found that champion Jeffries' right arm has shrunk a little since he examined him in 1899, but his reputation hasn't.

The Antiprofanity league requests you kindly not to swear. If you must say something to express your feelings, say "O fudge."

Perhaps the Chicago doctor who thinks bathing shortens life bases his theory upon the fact that tramps never seem to die off.

One day Russia considers Japan's proposals and the next day Japan considers Russia's proposals, but all this has ceased to be news.

Wos y Gil took \$200,000 in cash with him when he left San Domingo. It pays to be president down there if one doesn't delay his departure too long.

Which writer of vaudeville sketches will be the lucky one to receive an order from Sara Bernhardt when she comes to America for her "last farewell"?

It would take the entire population of the United States 100 days to shell the corn crop by hand. Fortunately for all of us, the steam sheller was invented.

A story from abroad has it that a man has gone crazy from eating corn. Is the writer sure it wasn't a certain popular corn product that befuddled his brain?

A dairyman in New York state milks cows by electricity. But the device has been invented that will get good milk from a cow that has been visiting the onions.

The report that London court and society circles are greatly startled by the plan to establish a consensory of society morals can hardly be considered surprising.

King Victor Emmanuel's gift of \$2,000 to the fund for the relief of the Macedonian refugees is from his private purse, but some would say he didn't earn the money.

What's this? Discord in the Doome family? And yet both Mme. Nordica, the distinguished prima donna, and her husband, the fascinating tenor, have souls that are just chock full of music.

As proof that Russia and Japan are working harmoniously the ministries can point out that the two powers have even selected the same time for putting their respective fleets into war colors.

No doubt there are literary men who will have their doubts about the greatness of Herbert Spencer or the security of his fame. When did any one ever photograph him in various effective poses in his home?

A Massachusetts lady who is also a spinster—made a burglar howl for mercy by biting him. When a Massachusetts spinster gets a man in a corner she is pretty sure to take advantage of the situation.

W. K. Vanderbilt thinks the salaries of preachers should be reduced. Mr. Vanderbilt seems to be rather ungrateful. A preacher did him quite a favor when he wanted to get married awhile ago and the laws of the Church of England almost thwarted him.

The state Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that Ole Hedlund is entitled to \$800 damages because his whiskers were pulled by Julius Cresein in a saloon. It is encouraging that the Minnesota Supreme Court is disposed to look with reverence upon whiskers, but why should a man who is old enough to have them hang around a saloon?

The miscellaneous loves of royalty in Europe are probably no more numerous and errant than they always were, but this is an age of newspapers.

A Harvard professor has found the scarlet fever germ, and if he will consult the wishes of the country he will hang on to it. No one else wants it.

Married people have lots of trouble because either he doesn't get home in time for dinner or if he does, dinner

## Missouri Doings

### STONE BRIBERY CASE DISMISSED

Two of the Prosecuting Witnesses Refuse to Testify.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The disbarment and bribery proceedings in the Cole County Circuit Court against former Prosecuting Attorney R. P. Stone were dismissed Wednesday by Acting Prosecuting Attorney F. M. Brown because of the action of the main witnesses in standing on their constitutional rights and refusing to testify on the ground that their testimony would incriminate them.

The outcome was an unexpected surprise, as Leo Trueblood and Charlie Glenn, by whose testimony the State sought to prove a case, had testified before the Grand Jury that \$300 had been paid to Prosecuting Attorney Stone for which he was to drop a certain case against Glenn.

A special venire had been summoned to try Stone Wednesday for bribery, but when the main witnesses refused to give any testimony, the case was nolle prossed.

The charges against Stone of riding on a railroad pass and securing illegal fees remain to be tried.

### STATE FAIR BOARD TO ARRANGE DATES

Will Confer With Officers of Other Fair Associations.

Sedalia, Mo.: At a meeting of the Missouri state fair board, held Tuesday night, the secretary was ordered to let the contract for two new steel cattle barns and a new horse barn, also to let the contract for an extension of the steel grand stand to twice its present size. The secretary was also instructed to call a meeting of the officers of fair associations in central and southwestern Missouri for the purpose of arranging racing dates covering a period of fifteen weeks, so that the dates will not conflict. J. A. Potts of Mexico, the new president of the board, presided, and there were present Vice President John W. Hill of Chillicothe, Secretary John R. Rippey of Lancaster and Messrs. A. T. Nelson of Lebanon, H. P. Maitland of Richmond and Frank Hayman of Houston, who succeeds N. H. Gentry on the board.

### STATE UNIVERSITY HAS INQUIRIES FROM ABROAD

Egyptian and Turkish Boys Want to Study Agricultural Methods.

Columbia, Mo.: The Missouri university authorities are besieged with letters from Egypt, inquiring about the State agricultural college and the requirements for entrance by Egyptian students. A number have written that they will enter next year, and more are expected.

The movement was started by Gohra Saboun Abdou, who entered the agricultural college last September, with a view to introducing American methods of scientific husbandry in Egypt. He has recommended the school to his people, and the letters are pouring in. The latest inquiry was received Saturday from George Monbey, now at Beirut, Syria, who stated that he would join a party of Egyptians who will sail for Columbia next September. Several Turkish students will accompany them.

### Two Prisoners Break Jail.

Perryville, Mo.: Pains Part, a one-armed man, and a negro by the name of Johnson broke jail here Saturday night. It was so cold that Sheriff Martin let them out of their cells, giving them the liberty of the "bull ring" that they might keep up a fire. In some manner they procured a saw with which they sawed through the iron bars separating them from the corridor and then knocked a hole in the brick wall. A negro youth who was also a prisoner refused to go with them. He is charged with a larceny, while the prisoners who escaped were charged with felonies.

### No Military Ball This Year.

Jefferson City, Mo.: The custom formerly in vogue of celebrating the New Year's Day by a ball at the Governor's Mansion, given in honor of the State Guard officers by the Governor, was not observed this year by Governor Dockery out of respect to his dead wife. Mrs. Dockery passed away on New Year's Day a year ago, and Governor Dockery respected her memory too much to give a ball on the anniversary of so sacred an occasion.

### Measles Drive Missourians to Suicide.

Columbia, Mo.: As the outcome of an attack of measles Moses Brown committed suicide Saturday. He lived with his widowed mother, Mrs. James Brown, twelve miles from here. Brown contracted measles several weeks ago, and suffered to such a degree that his physicians declare that his mind became unbalanced. He insisted on going hunting Saturday, regardless of a raging fever. He returned with a long string of rabbits, handed them to a servant, and, stepping behind a smokehouse, shot himself through the heart.

### Woman Architect to Wed.

Columbia, Mo.: Announcement was made Saturday of the marriage next Thursday of Miss Mary L. Hale of Columbia to Thomas Lafon of St. Louis. The marriage will take place in Columbia at the Calvary Episcopal Church. Miss Hale is one of the few women architects in the United States. Although she has been an architect but a few years, she has gained a large reputation. She designed the building at the Missouri Colony for the People's Mind at Marshall, and several other State buildings.

### Wind Blows a Gale.

Kansas City: A cold wave spread over this portion of the Southwest Friday night and Saturday in Western Missouri. Kansas and part of Oklahoma the temperature averages 15 degrees above zero. Sleet and snow cover the ground.

### Drops 35 Degrees at Springfield, Mo.

Springfield, Mo.: A blizzard struck Springfield Saturday morning and raged with more or less violence during the day. The temperature dropped 35 degrees.

### Arrested at the Prison Gates.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Convict J. M. Brown, who has just served three years in the Penitentiary from Adair County, was arrested at the gates Saturday by a parole agent from Chester, Ill., and taken back to Illinois to finish a term there for violating his parole.

### Refuses to Commute Sentence.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Governor Dockery has refused to grant a commutation to Murderer Gregory of New Madrid County, who is to be hanged there this month.

### 22 BELOW ZERO AT LA BELLE, MO.

Thermometer Shows a Drop of 54 Degrees in Eight Hours.

LaBelle, Mo.: The thermometer here registered 22 degrees below zero early Sunday morning, a fall of fifty-four degrees in eight hours. This is the coldest weather of the season.

### Fifteen Below at Shelby.

Shelby, Mo.: Saturday night was the coldest of the winter, thermometers registering from 12 to 15 degrees below zero.

### Coldest of Season at Macon.

Macon, Mo.: The low temperature record of the season was reached Sunday, the thermometer being 12½ degrees below zero at 9 a. m. The night was clear throughout and there was no wind. It will be interesting to note in comparing the temperature of this town with that of other places that Macon is situated in what is called the backbone of the State, the highest altitude between the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

The coldest days for the past four years in this section, as shown by the instruments in the Government's local observatory, were as follows: 1900—December 29, 21 below; 1901—December 29, 21 below; 1902—January 27, 13 below; 1903—February 17, 17 below.

### WILL HAVE FIRE DRILL IN KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS

General Theater Ordinance will Be Introduced in Council.

Kansas City, Mo.: As a result of the alarm aroused by the Chicago theater fire, orders were issued Saturday by the Board of Education to drill the entire school population of Kansas City in fire drills.

These drills are to be inaugurated and taught rapidly, and when learned will be practiced regularly. Such a scheme was inaugurated after the cyclone of 1885, in which one of the schools had twenty-three children killed, but after ten years practice was discontinued.

At Monday night's Council meeting a general theater fire ordinance was introduced. Chief Trotter of the Fire Department has asked permission to post firemen at each emergency drill during performances. Already the city ordinance requires the presence of firemen on the stage.

### Branch Line From Sedalia.

Sedalia, Mo.: Contractor Doud of the Rock Island construction department, in the face of a short supply, states that the Rock Island will construct a branch line from Sedalia to Cole Camp in the early spring. The Rock Island, he says, will be completed to Cole Camp within a month and to Windsor by February 26. Construction will cover over 10 miles.

Sedalia branch line will be a division point and the line from there to Kansas City will be double-tracked before the close of the year.

### Increase in Collections.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Robert G. Yates, State Superintendent of Insurance, Saturday reported that his department for the year just closed had collected the sum of \$18,801.21 in fees, as compared with \$12,937.92 last year, an increase of \$5,863.29. The increase is largely due to the stand taken by the Insurance Superintendent in making the insurance brokers observe the State law. The itemized receipts have been from fire companies, \$2,147.40; life companies, \$19,232.29; miscellaneous, \$1,588.49; fraternal, \$1,968.29; brokers' licenses, and excess insurance, \$6,965.24.

### Prominent Cattleman Ill.

Kansas City, Mo.: T. A. Simpson of the firm of Giddell & Simpson, breeders of Hereford cattle, is critically ill at the home of Charles Giddell in Independence. Mr. Simpson is 83 years of age. For twenty-five years he has been one of the best known breeders of cattle in this country. He was born in Kentucky and came to Missouri shortly after the close of the Civil War.

### 16 Insurance Companies Licensed.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Sixteen insurance companies were licensed to do business in Missouri during the year 1903 by State Superintendent of Insurance Robert G. Yates. These are classified as follows: Fire companies, 8; town mutual companies, 2; miscellaneous, 2; regular companies, 3; stipulated premium companies, 1.

### W. S. Sneed's Residence Burned.

Sedalia, Mo.: The country residence of W. S. Sneed, a wealthy Pettis County stockman, three miles east of Sedalia, was burned Sunday afternoon. The loss was \$7,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

### Appoints School Commissioner.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Gov. Dockery has announced the appointment of W. S. Shipp of Centerville to be school commissioner of Johnson county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of C. M. Thompson.

### Well Known at Farmington.

Farmington, Mo.: Mrs. John Dryden and her 12-year-old son, killed in the Chicago theater, were well known here. Mrs. Dryden was a daughter of the late Judge Wm. B. Taylor, and very popular here. The remains were buried here Sunday, January 3.

### Shipp Appointed Commissioner.

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## THE NEWS RESUME.

Being a Condensed Story of the News of the Week.

Trial of Senator Dietrich begins in Federal Court of Omaha Monday. St. Louis experienced its first zero weather of present season Sunday.

Probable modification of public land laws excites interest at Washington. Capt. Frederick Pabst, the brewer, dies at his home in Milwaukee, Wis.

The Mormon Church vigorously denies that it is opposed to labor unions. Work of Congress is to be expedited and adjournment may occur soon after May 1.

Fire destroys St. Catherine's academy at Springfield, Ky., with a loss of \$200,000.

The Mexican Finance Commission reports in favor of adopting the gold standard.

King Menelik sends two lions and a pair of elephant tusks to President Roosevelt.

Gov. Dockery appoints C. W. Frazee of St. Louis, State Barber Examiner to succeed J. J. Ryan.

Nine business houses and two dwellings burnt at Senath, Mo., with losses aggregating \$35,000.

Two men are incarcerated in a fire which destroys a hotel and a church at Mount Sterling, Ky.

Consul General Skinner arranges a commercial treaty between the United States and Abyssinia.

The Department of Justice is to take up the inquiry into affairs in the Indian Territory this week.

The President shakes hands with 6,714 callers at the New Year's reception at the White House.

Bryan Democrats of Nebraska propose giving a dollar dinner, to which the "faithful" are bidden.

Belief prevails at Washington that no statehood legislation at present session of Congress is likely.

The eldest son of United States Minister Spillers at Havana accidentally kills himself with a revolver.

Bloomington, Ill., has an exciting Sunday because of mob violence as an incident of a street car strike.

Former Cattle Plunger Gillet did not arrive in Kansas City last week to hold a meeting with his creditors, as he had promised.

Recent troop orders are explained at Washington as bearing simply on being prepared for war, not necessarily a trip to Colombia.

Exports to the United States from Germany in 1902 showed an increase of about 12½ per cent over the previous year's record.

Street railway men strike for increase in wages at Bloomington and Normal, Ill., and as a result both systems are tied up.

Friends of Rear Admiral Schley in the Maryland Legislature propose special legislation to enable him to vote in political contests.

The Danish Crown Prince acts in behalf of his father at the New Year's reception, King Christian's condition being the cause of much concern.

Col. McClellan assumes office as Mayor of New York, and gives a reception to thousands of enthusiastic Democrats, who rather at the City Hall.

The hearing given a Chicago man brought in the fact that a letter he threatened to publish the grandson of Marshal Field unless he received money.

Pite Indians in Nevada have murdered two prospectors and, it is said, will go on the war path if a sentence of death against one of their tribe is carried out.

The French budget is passed without the usual vexatious delay, but the Parliament is unable to reduce the estimates of \$700,000,000 by even a half million dollars.

A large number of negro veterans passed in line before the President at the reception at the White House after the entertainment had been in progress about two hours.

Expert accountants of the Treasury Department are busy with the accounts of the Interstate Commerce Commission, on rumors that there have been serious irregularities.

A man standing in Kentucky shoots his father-in-law across the State line in Tennessee. A knotty problem has arisen as to which State has jurisdiction to try the case.

The motion for a dismissal of the claim of the Onondaga Indians to participate in the Kansas award has been denied, and the United States Court of Claims will consider the case.

Charles Morgan, 17 years old, is arrested at his home near Watson, Mo., for sending threatening letters to officials of the Burlington Railroad. The youth confesses to the postal authorities.

The cases of R. M. Snyder of Kansas City and J. H. Schmetter of St. Louis, convicted of bribery charges, and appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court, were set for hearing in the Supreme Court Tuesday.

Fire breaks out in the hospital at Sioux Falls, S. D., in the midst of a storm, but all the patients are saved.

Russia now admits that the Japanese demands will not be granted, though it is asserted that a pacific settlement of the dispute in the far East is still possible. Unofficially the situation is regarded as most serious.

City Attorney Charles A. Jackson and Logan Gulley, son of City Marshal Gidley of Carbondale, Ill., are arrested on the charge of kidnapping John W. Chambers, who was shot in the street at Creel Springs, Ill., Saturday night.

Dun's annual review says that the word "readjustment" sums up the financial and industrial history of the year which has just closed.

The case of George Collins, convicted of the murder of Detective Schumacher near Union, Mo., was heard in the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

Mayor Harrison closes all the Chicago theaters pending investigation. The managers of the theatres are arrested, charged with manslaughter. The city observes the day of mourning more than 300 victims of the fire being buried Saturday.

## LONDON'S NEW CATHEDRAL A MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE

The new Roman Catholic cathedral of Westminster—the first cathedral of the old faith that has stood in the metropolis since the Reformation—was consecrated Dec. 29, when Archbishop Bourne was enthroned.

The project proposed by Cardinal Manning in 1863, as being the greatest hope of his predecessor, Cardinal Wiseman, which the latter did not live to see take practical shape, is thus brought to completion after thirty-eight years. Questions of funds, of architectural design, of site, had all to be considered, and it was only eight years ago that actual building began.

Since then Londoners have seen grow up, on the marshy flats of Westminster, north of the river and a half mile west of the Abbey, a magnificent structure, the like of which, in extent and cost, has never been known in England as a place of worship.

The cathedral is, indeed, the most notable building architectural of all the great enterprises which have transformed the appearance of the historic part of London in the last few years. The striving after a Gothic revival in public building, which ruled among London architects through most of the nineteenth century, is definitely abandoned.

All that the brighter of the younger architects stand out for now is strength and solidity and decent form in their designs. The new Catholic cathedral has all of these.

The style is in no sense of the word Italian. The nearest approach to it in Italy are the churches of St. Mark's, Venice, and St. Vitale at Ravenna.

The extreme length is 350 feet; width, 156 feet; height of nave, 117 feet. These figures are the external measurements. The internal area: length, from the main entrance to the sanctuary, 232 feet; depth of the sanctuary, 62 feet; and of the raised choir beyond it, 48 feet, making the total length 280 feet; width of the nave, 60 feet; width across the nave and aisles, 98 feet; and across the nave and aisles and side chapels, 148 feet; height of the main arches of the nave, 90 feet; and of its three domes, 112 feet. The whole building covers an area of 5,000 square feet.

Next to the grand and lofty campanile, the most imposing external feature is the cluster of four great domes over the nave and sanctuary. They are formed of concrete composed of broken bricks in mortar of Portland cement, mixed carefully together with the least quantity of water, the broken bricks having been well saturated before the cement was added.

The total expenditure on the entire edifice up to the end of October was just over a million dollars. That figure is exclusive of the work on the side chapels, which are the gifts of private donors.

The great west front has a noble entrance, which is four feet wider in its span than the arch of St. Mark's at Venice. The arch is built in receding orders, each richly decorated, and supported on columns.

The three great doors—the great central one and the two side ones—are executed in oak, and it is hoped that at some time they may be covered with bronze plates like the famous doors of St. Mark's, Venice.

The weight of the material of each of the three domes of the nave is estimated at 1,000 tons.

Concerning the aspirations of Cornelius Vanderbilt would be favored by his brothers.

Sign Manual of Painters. In order to protect themselves from forgeries of their pictures some British painters have taken a leaf from the sculptor, and in addition to their signatures inscribed the name of their thumbs on the wet oils or water colors in one corner of the picture. The idea of identifying people by the impressions of their finger tips was introduced by Sir Francis Galton and has been practiced of late for the detection of criminals.

Roxburgh Duchess Not Popular. In Roxburgh London society concluded that the young countess of Roxburgh, formerly Miss Gode of New York, intended rather to give herself up to and patronize other women in the ultra soft set. As a result she will be called upon to exercise a certain amount of prejudice—even more than other American women have experienced. Already the sobriquet of "the little duchess" has been conferred upon her. This will be especially annoying to the young woman, whose small stature has always been one of her sensitive points.

Kansas To Honor John J. Ingalls. Kansas will place in statutory hall at the capitol at Washington a statue of the late Senator John J. Ingalls. The model represents a figure of heroic size, erect, and the head thrown slightly back. The figure is clad in an overcoat thrown open and a long coat buttoned. Hanging in front are a pair of eyeglasses and in one hand is a manuscript—the other rests on a cane. The statue will not be completed for at least a year.

Dry Humor in Senate. Senator Reagan of Texas when he was in the senate was one of the men who strongly objected to being interrupted. On one occasion Henry W. Blair, then a senator from New Hampshire, tried to ask Reagan a question during the latter's speech. "I do not want to be interrupted," said Reagan, "but I will listen to a question." "It is not exactly a question, but a statement," said Blair. "Then I refuse to yield," said Reagan. "Well, the senator has missed an opportunity of greatly improving his speech," remarked Blair as he ambled toward the cloakroom.

"Father Clark" to Tour World. Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, known throughout the world as "Father Ignatius" because of his part in the organization of the Christian Endeavor society, has left his home in Boston for a tour around the world. He will sail from San Francisco for Hawaii, whence he will go to Samoa, New Zealand, Tasmania and Africa. He expects to return to the United States by July 1.

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